

5 wherein determining the keystroke sequence produces a valid result in a
6 first context comprises determining whether the performed directory filtering
7 operation produces at least one valid result for the keystroke sequence.

1 14. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

2 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first
3 context, performing the directory filtering operation using the accepted key-
4 strokes;

5 wherein each directory record comprises contents, and wherein perform-
6 ing the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the keystroke sequence
7 with the contents of at least one directory record.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the first feedback comprises at least
2 one matching directory record.

1 16. The method of claim 10, further comprising:

2 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first
3 context, performing the directory filtering operation using the
4 accepted keystrokes;

5 wherein each directory record comprises at least one field value, and
6 wherein the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the keystroke se-
7 quence with at least one field value in at least one directory record.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the first feedback comprises at least
2 one matching directory record.

1 18. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first
3 context, performing the directory filtering operation using the
4 accepted keystrokes;

5 wherein the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the key-
6 stroke sequences with at least two field values in at least one directory record.

1 19. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first
3 context, performing the directory filtering operation using the
4 accepted keystrokes;

5 wherein each directory record comprises at least two field values, and
6 wherein the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the keystroke se-
7 quences with at least one value derived from at least one field in at least one di-
8 rectory record.

1 20. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the first
3 context, performing the directory filtering operation using the
4 accepted keystrokes;

5 wherein each directory record comprises at least two field values, and
6 wherein the directory filtering operation comprises comparing the keystroke se-
7 quences with at least one field values in at least one directory record and with at
8 least one value derived from at least one field in at least one directory record.

1 21. The method of claim 10, wherein the first feedback comprises at least
2 one matching directory record.

1 22. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 accepting an additional keystroke, the additional keystroke having at least
3 a first value;
4 appending the additional keystroke to the keystroke sequence;
5 repeating the steps of:
6 determining whether the keystroke sequence produces a valid re-
7 sult in a first context;
8 responsive to the keystroke sequence producing a valid result in
9 the first context, outputting first feedback, the first feed-